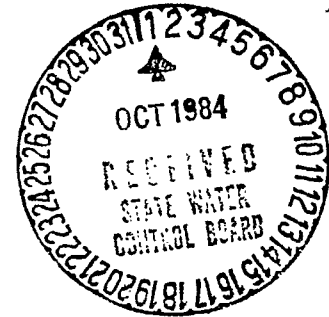


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Mr. Martin Ferguson
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State Water Control Board
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

We understand that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may require risk assessment and feasibility studies of the Saltville site as a part of its Superfund responsibility. We are concerned that such studies may unnecessarily duplicate assessments already performed or being planned under the auspices of the Saltville Task Force of which EPA is a member. A potential also seems to exist that the current ongoing mitigation strategy agreed to by Olin Corporation may be seriously impeded by litigation which might result, especially if Olin is required to fund additional studies. It would seem more fruitful for all parties if available energies and resources could remain focused on mitigation activities already underway.

In view of the fact that EPA does seem to have a dual responsibility in this matter and shares our overall goal of ultimate cleanup, we would support an approach in which: (1) the risk assessment and feasibility study be delayed until the results of the 5-year mitigation monitoring program have been evaluated, or (2) the risk assessment and feasibility study be conducted in accordance with an EPA-established schedule but in phases with a Task Force review at appropriate decision points.

We are hopeful that all parties can work together toward resolution of this matter, and we are available to assist as you deem necessary.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Richard D. Urban, Tennessee Valley Authority, 248 401 Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401, telephone (615) 751-3164.

Sincerely,



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